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In re Application of

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the final office action dated September 26, 2003, for which a one month extension of time is requested to extend the period for response to January 26, 2004, reconsideration is requested:

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